

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A reproducing apparatus for reproducing digital video information, the apparatus comprising:
  - a readout unit configured to read out from a recording medium compressed video and audio data compliant with MPEG format having a structure of sequential video information blocks in a predetermined number of frames;
  - a separation unit configured to separate ~~the~~-video data and ~~the~~-audio data from the compressed video and audio data read out by the readout unit;
  - an expansion unit configured to respectively expand the video data and the audio data separated by the separation unit;
  - a video output unit configured to output the video data expanded by the expansion unit;
  - an audio output unit configured to output the audio data expanded by the expansion unit;
  - an operation unit including a high speed reproduction key for reproducing the compressed video and audio data in n-fold (where  $n \geq 3$ ) speed; and
  - a control unit configured to control the expansion unit, in a case where the high speed reproduction key is operated, ~~the expansion unit in order to perform reproduction of to reproduce~~ the compressed video and audio data for a number of by one frame every several frames corresponding to the n-fold speed, alternating with reproducing and to perform reproduction of the compressed video and audio data in one of a normal speed and a or in two-fold speed for a predetermined number of frames, ~~alternately~~.
2. (Original) The reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a setting unit configured to variably set the number of frames to perform the reproduction in the normal speed or in the two-fold speed in the high speed reproduction.
3. (Original) The reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the setting unit comprises a setting key arranged in the operation unit.

4. (Original) The reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a selection unit configured to alternatively select to reproduce in normal speed or in two-fold speed for the predetermined number of frames in the high speed reproduction.
5. (Original) The reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the selection unit comprises a setting key arranged in the operation unit.
6. (Currently Amended) A reproducing method for reproducing digital video information, the method comprising:
  - reading out from a recording medium compressed video and audio data compliant with MPEG format having a structure of sequential video information blocks in a predetermined number of frames;
  - separating ~~the~~ video data and ~~the~~ audio data from the compressed video and audio data read out;
  - ~~respectively~~ expanding the separated video data and the separated audio data ~~separated~~;
  - outputting the expanded video data and the expanded audio data ~~expanded~~;
  - controlling ~~the~~ expanding, in a case where a high speed reproduction for reproducing the compressed video and audio data in n-fold (where  $n \geq 3$ ) speed is selected, ~~the expanding in order to perform reproduction of to reproduce~~ the compressed video and audio data ~~by one frame every several~~ for a number of frames corresponding to the n-fold speed alternating with reproducing ~~and to perform reproduction of~~ the compressed video and audio data in one of normal speed and ~~or in~~ two-fold speed for a predetermined number of frames, ~~alternately~~.
7. (Original) The reproducing method as claimed in claim 6 further comprising variably setting the number of frames to perform the reproduction in the normal speed or in the two-fold speed in the high speed reproduction.
8. (Original) The reproducing method as claimed in claim 6 further comprising alternatively selecting to reproduce in normal speed or in two-fold speed for the predetermined number of frames in the high speed reproduction.